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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017

(*Item 3 (b)*)

Programme 18
Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

1. At its 17th meeting, on 11 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 18)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed support for the programme, the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and the important role it played in the region, including the Commission's provision of advice and expertise in various thematic areas. They also expressed satisfaction with the proposed strategic direction of the Commission, in particular its flexibility in connection with the post-2015 development agenda and the resulting internationally agreed sustainable development goals that allowed for the incorporation of future decisions, without pre-empting decisions of the General Assembly on the issue. It was also observed that the proposal incorporated elements of the outcome document

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of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex).

4. Appreciation was expressed for the consultative process carried out with member States of the Commission for the review of the proposed biennial programme plan, leading up to the endorsement of the plan by the Commission during its thirty-fifth session, held from 5 to 9 May 2014 in Lima. Delegations also expressed appreciation for such important consultative process having been conducted in strict observance of regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).

5. Appreciation was also expressed for the work of the Commission in fostering economic integration at the subregional and regional levels, promoting the dialogue on the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda and the resulting internationally agreed sustainable development goals, facilitating sustainable development by helping to bridge the economic, social and environmental gaps between and among countries, including through the Commission's proposed compacts for equality and sustainable development.

6. Delegations requested that the Commission continue to develop close cooperation with regional mechanisms and integration processes such as the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Union of South American Nations, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Latin American Integration Association, the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR), the Central American Integration System and the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America — Peoples' Trade Treaty.

7. Delegations also encouraged the Commission to continue to prioritize activities and to coordinate with other agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, in order to avoid duplication of effort.

8. Concern was expressed in relation to a reduction in the level of information provided to the Committee in the document containing the proposed strategic framework for programme 18 for the period 2016-2017. Regret was expressed that the Secretariat had decided, without a specific mandate from the Committee or the General Assembly, to reduce the information contained in the programmes before it.

9. Clarification was sought concerning the dissemination of information, including analytical work and other activities through the Commission's website and databases. It was pointed out that this aspect had previously been included in the programme and the query concerned whether ECLAC continued to carry out this important activity.

10. A question was raised concerning the impact of recent budgetary reductions on the programme of work of the Commission.

11. With regard to subprogramme 3, Macroeconomic policies and growth, it was observed that the Commission would conduct applied research into the macroeconomic and long-term growth performance and policies of Latin American and Caribbean countries, as well as the region as a whole. In this connection, a question was raised concerning successful policies that had been applied in the region, including those that worked best for the Latin American and Caribbean region.

12. With regard to subprogramme 7, Population and development, it was observed that no mention of the agreements reached in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development had been included as part of expected accomplishments (a) and (b). Arguing that those agreements reflected the vision of member States of the Commission for the region for the coming years, the view was expressed that they should be duly noted in the framework. The view was expressed that in the proposed changes for subprogramme 7, indicator of achievement (b) could not be attributed only to activities carried out by ECLAC, as many other United Nations bodies worked in the same area. Delegations further inquired about the role of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in the area of population activities.

13. With regard to subprogramme 14, Support for regional and subregional integration and cooperation processes and organizations, which was established at the beginning of the biennium 2014-2015, it was observed that the framework and strategic direction of the subprogramme were well structured and appropriately reflected issues related to the post-2015 development agenda and the resulting internationally agreed sustainable development goals. It was further observed that the legislative mandates emanating from the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, held in May in Lima, were not listed under this subprogramme.

14. With regard to legislative mandates, delegations observed that the list of resolutions and decisions was not comprehensive and that revisions would be required.

Conclusions and recommendations

15. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 7
Population and development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (b), add the words ", and the regional agenda on population and development for Latin America and the Caribbean, as agreed in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development," after the word "Development."

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (b), add the words ", including the regional agenda on population and development for Latin America and the Caribbean, as agreed in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development," after the word "development."

Legislative mandates

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution: 690 (XXXV) Lima resolution

Subprogramme 2
Production and innovation

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

691 (XXXV) Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 6
Mainstreaming the gender perspective in regional development

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

677 (XXXV) Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 7
Population and development

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

681 (XXXV) Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 10
Planning of public administration

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

679 (XXXV) Support for the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning

Subprogramme 11
Statistics

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

678 (XXXV) Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 13
Subregional activities in the Caribbean

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

680 (XXXV) Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

For the following subprogrammes:

Subprogramme 3
Macroeconomic policies and growth

Subprogramme 4
Financing for development

Subprogramme 8
Sustainable development and human settlements

Subprogramme 9
Natural resources and infrastructure

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

685 (XXXV) Activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals and implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields